Sak language

Sak (also known as **Cak**, **Chak**, or **Tsak**) is a Sino-Tibetan language of the Sal branch spoken in Bangladesh and Myanmar.

Contents

Sak	
Cak	
Native to	Myanmar, Bangladesh
Region	Northwestern Rakhine State
Ethnicity	Chak
Native speakers	40,000 (2007)[1]
Language family	Sino-Tibetan - Sal - Jingpho–Luish - Luish **Sak**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`ckh`
Glottolog	`sakk1239` (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/sakk1239)[2]

Geographical distribution

Cak is spoken in Bangladesh by about 3,000 people and in Rakhine State, Burma by about 1,000 people according to *Ethnologue*. In Bangladesh, Cak is spoken in Baishari, Naikhyongchari, and Dochari (Huziwara 2018). In Rakhine State, Burma, Sak is spoken in Maungdaw, Buthidaung, Rathedaung, and Mrauk U townships (Huziwara 2018). The Baishari dialect is the most conservative one (Huziwara 2018).[3]

According to *Ethnologue*, in Bangladesh, Chak is spoken in 14 villages in:

- Chittagong Division: Baishari, Bandarban, Bishar Chokpra
- south Naikhongchari area in the Arakan Blue Mountains

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External links

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